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SUBJECT: NASA RELATIONS WITH JSS

REF: (A) TOKYO 3918; (B) TOKYO 4980

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH NASA TO DETERMINE PROPER NASA ROLE IN JSS-RELATED ACTIVITIES. DEPARTMENT AND NASA PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION TO NASA OFFICIALS, ALREADY IN JAPAN, PARTICIPATING IN JSS-SPONSORED CONFERENCE IN TOKYO, TO TAKE PLACE AFTER ISSOL CONFERENCE IN KYOTO (REF A).

2. HOWEVER, REGARDING PLANNED TRAVEL ON APRIL 15 OF HERBERT ROWE, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AT NASA, TO ATTEND MEETING TO PLAN SCIENCE EXHIBITION IN TOKYO OPENING NEXT MARCH, DEPARTMENT AND NASA AGREE THAT TRIP SHOULD BE CANCELLED. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR MR. ROWE'S TRAVEL EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY JSS AS PRESENTLY PLANNED, AND NASA CANNOT ALLOCATE ITS OWN FUNDS FOR TRIP. NASA WILL THEREFORE INFORM JSS THAT MR. ROWE WILL NOT BE
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ABLE TO ATTEND MEETING. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY DETERMINE WHETHER APPROPRIATE FOR EMBOFF TO ATTEND PART OR ALL OF PLANNING TALKS AND NOTIFY NASA IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE SO THAT ROWE DECLINATION CAN INCLUDE SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE OFFER IF APPROPRIATE.

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT MARCH 1978 SCIENCE EXHIBI-

TION IS BEING SPONSORED BY CONSORTIUM OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS THAT, IN ADDITION TO JSS, INCLUDES NASDA AND MITI, INDICATING THAT EXHIBITION MAY HAVE OFFICIAL BLESSING. PLEASE CONFIRM.

4. NASA WISHES TO CLARIFY THAT, WHILE IT DOES, WITH OR THRU USIS, RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR EXHIBIT MATERIALS, IT CANNOT PLAY AN INITIATOR OR COSPONSOR ROLE. REGARDING SUGGESTION IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL B, NASA MAINTAINS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH NASDA AND WOULD PREFER TO RESPOND TO A NASDA REQUEST FOR MATERIALS. LIST OF AVAILABLE MATERIALS FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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